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Re: State Department Update

1 message

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Fri, May 1, 2015 at 3:27 PM

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Thanks, Paul.

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On May 1, 2015 2:48 PM, "Paul Wester" <paul.wester@nara.gov> wrote:

From activities in the last two weeks, I have the following items to report:

(1) This week Laurence Brewer and I completed the review of the 1,246 emails that the Department of State reviewed and determined to be personal in nature. I am in the process of reviewing a letter documenting the review. After sharing it with Gary, I will send the letter to State next week. The summary is: Laurence and I concur that all 1,246 emails that we reviewed were personal in nature and are not Federal records.

(2) On Friday, April 24th, in addition to reviewing personal emails for several hours, Laurence and I met with Peggy and her senior staff for approximately an hour to discuss the State Department's April 2nd response; State's response to the public interest groups (that NARA had already responded to); the State Department IG's audit of records management practices in the Department; and the 136 questions Chairman Gowdy sent on April 23rd in anticipation of a week of May 18th hearing with former Secretary Clinton on the email issues before the Select Committee on Benghazi.

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(3) Earlier this week, Patrice McDermott (openthegovernment) emailed to ask if State's letter was responsive. I said that we were still reviewing the response, that the issue was complex, and that State has been cooperative.

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Thanks, Paul

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